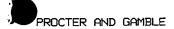
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In response to the Office Action of April 26, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph of the specification at page 3, lines 13-25 with the following:

Fig. 2 depicts a preferred embodiment of a container 10 and associated reinforcement 40 according to the present invention. In the embodiment depicted in Fig. 2, the container 10 includes a container 10 body preferably unitarily formed from sheet material. An optional cover 12 may be included and unitarily formed with the container 10. The container 10 may also include a closure for sealing the cover 12 and container 10. The cover 12 may be generally flat, as illustrated, or may have a convex inward or convex outward orientation, as desired. If the optional cover 12 and seal 14 are desired, a plug seal 14 may be utilized as is known in the art and illustrated by U.S. Patent Nos. 3,784,055, iss. Jan. 8, 1974 to Anderson, and 3,967,756, iss. July 19, 1976 to Barish, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. However, it is to be recognized that the cover 12 is an

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